

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

See Résumé of Congressional Activity.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages SS2593–S2609

Measures Introduced: Nine bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1179–1187, S. Res. 166, and S. Con. Res. 15. **Page S2599**

Measures Reported:

S. 261, to designate the United States courthouse located at 200 NW 4th Street in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, as the William J. Holloway, Jr. United States Courthouse.

S. 612, to designate the Federal building and United States courthouse located at 1300 Victoria Street in Laredo, Texas, as the “George P. Kazen Federal Building and United States Courthouse”.

S. 1034, to designate the United States courthouse located at 501 East Court Street in Jackson, Mississippi, as the “Charles Clark United States Courthouse”.

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Measures Passed:

Domestic Flower Production: Senate agreed to S. Res. 166, expressing the sense of the Senate that domestically grown flowers support the farmers, small businesses, jobs, and economy of the United States, enhance the ability of the people of the United States to honor their mothers on Mother’s Day, and that the White House should strive to showcase domestically grown flowers. **Pages S2608–09**

Veto Messages:

National Labor Relations Board Veto Message—Agreement: Senate resumed consideration of the veto message to accompany S. J. Res. 8, providing for congressional disapproval under chapter 8 of title 5, United States Code, of the rule submitted by the National Labor Relations Board relating to representation case procedures. **Pages S2594–97**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the veto message to accompany the joint resolution at approximately 10 a.m., on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. **Page S2609**

Nomination Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nomination:

By a unanimous vote of 93 yeas (Vote No. EX. 169), Willie E. May, of Maryland, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Elizabeth Ann Copeland, of Texas, to be a Judge of the United States Tax Court for a term of fifteen years.

2 Army nominations in the rank of general.

2 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

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Messages from the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:

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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today. (Total—169) **Page S2597**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 3 p.m. and adjourned at 6:36 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015. (For Senate’s program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today’s Record on page S2609.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

No committee meetings were held.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

The House was not in session today. The House is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.

Committee Meetings

No hearings were held.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D411)

S. 535, to promote energy efficiency. Signed on April 30, 2015. (Public Law 114–11)

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Grain Standards Act, 2:30 p.m., SR–328A.

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on the importance of a long term reauthorization, 10 a.m., SR–253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal government's role in wildfire management, the impact of fires on communities, and potential improvements to be made in fire operations, 10 a.m., SD–366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the legal implications of the Clean Power Plan, 10 a.m., SD–406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD–419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: to hold hearings to examine precision medicine for patients, 2:30 p.m., SD–430.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR–418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH–219.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: to hold hearings to examine improving management of the controlled substances quota process, 10 a.m., SD–226.

House

No hearings are scheduled.

CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of May 4 through May 8, 2015

Senate Chamber

On *Tuesday*, at approximately 10 a.m., Senate will continue consideration of the veto message to accompany S.J. Res. 8, National Labor Relations Board Veto Message.

At approximately 10:15 a.m., Senators should expect a vote on the motion to proceed to consideration of the Budget Conference report.

During the balance of the week, Senate may consider any cleared legislative and executive business.

Senate Committees

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: May 5, to hold hearings to examine the U.S. Grain Standards Act, 2:30 p.m., SR–328A.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine child nutrition programs, 10 a.m., SH–216.

Committee on Appropriations: May 5, Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Securities and Exchange Commission and Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 10:30 a.m., SD–138.

May 6, Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs, to hold hearings to examine global health problems, 10 a.m., SD–124.

May 6, Subcommittee on Department of Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

May 7, Subcommittee on Departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine rural health, 10 a.m., SD–124.

May 7, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of Justice, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: May 5, Subcommittee on Surface Transportation and Merchant Marine Infrastructure, Safety and Security, to hold hearings to examine surface transportation reauthorization, focusing on the importance of a long term reauthorization, 10 a.m., SR-253.

May 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Daniel R. Elliott III, of Ohio, to be a Member of the Surface Transportation Board, and Mario Cordero, of California, to be a Federal Maritime Commissioner, 10 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: May 5, to hold oversight hearings to examine the Federal government's role in wildfire management, the impact of fires on communities, and potential improvements to be made in fire operations, 10 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on Environment and Public Works: May 5, Subcommittee on Clean Air and Nuclear Safety, to hold hearings to examine the legal implications of the Clean Power Plan, 10 a.m., SD-406.

May 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2015 for the Fish and Wildlife Service, and S. 1036, to require the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to provide certain Western States assistance in the development of statewide conservation and management plans or the protection and recovery of sage-grouse species, S. 855, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to permit Governors of States to regulate intrastate endangered species and intrastate threatened species, S. 736, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require disclosure to States of the basis of determinations under such Act, to ensure use of information provided by State, tribal, and county governments in decisionmaking under such Act, S. 655, to prohibit the use of funds by the Secretary of the Interior to make a final determination on the listing of the northern long-eared bat under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, S. 468, to provide a categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 to allow the Director of the Bureau of Land Management and the Chief of the Forest Service to remove Pinyon-Juniper trees to conserve and restore the habitat of the greater sage-grouse and the mule deer, S. 293, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to establish a procedure for approval of certain settlements, S. 292, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require publication on the Internet of the basis for determinations that species are endangered species or threatened species, S. 112, to amend the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to require the Secretary of the Interior to publish and make available for public comment a draft economic analysis at the time a proposed rule to designate critical habitat is published, and S. 1081, to end the use of body-gripping traps in the National Wildlife Refuge System, 9:30 a.m., SD-406.

Committee on Foreign Relations: May 5, Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Transnational Crime, Civilian Security, Democracy, Human Rights, and Global Women's Issues, to hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2016 for the Department of State, 3:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 6, Subcommittee on Multilateral International Development, Multilateral Institutions, and International Economic, Energy, and Environmental Policy, to hold oversight hearings to examine multilateral and bilateral international development programs and policies, 2:30 p.m., SD-419.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine safeguarding American interests in the East and South China Seas, 10 a.m., SD-419.

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: May 5, to hold hearings to examine precision medicine for patients, 2:30 p.m., SD-430.

May 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on the role of consumer information in college choice, 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: May 6, business meeting to consider S. 280, to improve the efficiency, management, and interagency coordination of the Federal permitting process through reforms overseen by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, S. 1180, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to direct the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency to modernize the integrated public alert and warning system of the United States, S. 750, to achieve border security on certain Federal lands along the Southern border, S. 282, to provide taxpayers with an annual report disclosing the cost and performance of Government programs and areas of duplication among them, S. 1109, to require adequate information regarding the tax treatment of payments under settlement agreements entered into by Federal agencies, S. 1172, to improve the process of presidential transition, S. 434, to strengthen the accountability of individuals involved in misconduct affecting the integrity of background investigations, to update guidelines for security clearances, to prevent conflicts of interest relating to contractors providing background investigation fieldwork services and investigative support services, H.R. 623, to amend the Homeland Security Act of 2002 to authorize the Department of Homeland Security to establish a social media working group, S. 179, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 14 3rd Avenue, NW, in Chisholm, Minnesota, as the "James L. Oberstar Memorial Post Office Building", S. 994, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1 Walter Hammond Place in Waldwick, New Jersey, as the "Staff Sergeant Joseph D'Augustine Post Office Building", and the nominations of David Michael Bennett, of North Carolina, Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, Stephen Crawford, of Maryland, and James C. Miller, III, of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, 10 a.m., SD-342.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine social media in the next evolution of terrorist recruitment, 10 a.m., SD-342.

Committee on the Judiciary: May 6, to hold hearings to examine ensuring an informed citizenry, focusing on examining the Administration's efforts to improve open government, 9:30 a.m., SD-226.

May 6, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine the nominations of Dale A. Drozd, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, Lawrence Joseph Vilardo, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of New York, and LaShann Moutique DeArcy Hall, and Ann Donnelly, both to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of New York, 2:15 p.m., SD-226.

May 7, Full Committee, to hold hearings to examine S. 1137, to amend title 35, United States Code, and the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act to make improvements and technical corrections, 10 a.m., SD-226.

Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship: May 6, to hold hearings to examine the impact of federal labor and safety laws on the U.S. seafood industry, 2:30 p.m., SR-428A.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: May 5, to hold hearings to examine pending nominations, 2:30 p.m., SR-418.

Select Committee on Intelligence: May 5, to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

May 7, Full Committee, to receive closed briefings on certain intelligence matters, 2:30 p.m., SH-219.

Special Committee on Aging: May 6, to hold hearings to examine aging in place, focusing on advances in technology that help seniors live independently, 2 p.m., SH-216.

United States Senate Caucus on International Narcotics Control: May 5, to hold hearings to examine improving management of the controlled substances quota process, 10 a.m., SD-226.

House Committees

No hearings are scheduled.

Résumé of Congressional Activity

FIRST SESSION OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTEENTH CONGRESS

The first table gives a comprehensive résumé of all legislative business transacted by the Senate and House. The second table accounts for all nominations submitted to the Senate by the President for Senate confirmation.

DATA ON LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY

January 6 through April 30, 2015

	<i>Senate</i>	<i>House</i>	<i>Total</i>
Days in session	60	57	..
Time in session	379 hrs., 37'	249 hrs., 38'	..
Congressional Record:			
Pages of proceedings	2,592	2,774	..
Extensions of Remarks .....	..	638	..
Public bills enacted into law	1	10	11
Private bills enacted into law .....	..	..	..
Bills in conference	1	..	..
Measures passed, total	124	162	286
Senate bills	10	2	..
House bills	9	92	..
Senate joint resolutions	1	1	..
House joint resolutions	1	2	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	4	3	..
House concurrent resolutions	8	11	..
Simple resolutions	91	51	..
Measures reported, total	*59	*96	155
Senate bills	36	..	..
House bills	2	69	..
Senate joint resolutions .....	..	..	..
House joint resolutions .....	..	1	..
Senate concurrent resolutions	1	..	..
House concurrent resolutions .....	..	3	..
Simple resolutions	20	23	..
Special reports	10	2	..
Conference reports .....	..	1	..
Measures pending on calendar	48	16	..
Measures introduced, total	1,362	2,527	3,889
Bills	1,169	2,194	..
Joint resolutions	14	48	..
Concurrent resolutions	14	43	..
Simple resolutions	165	242	..
Quorum calls	5	1	..
Yea-and-nay votes	168	109	..
Recorded votes .....	..	97	..
Bills vetoed	2	..	..
Vetoes overridden .....	..	..	..

DISPOSITION OF EXECUTIVE NOMINATIONS

January 6 through April 30, 2015

Civilian nominations, totaling 181, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	23
Unconfirmed	157
Withdrawn	1
Other Civilian nominations, totaling 1,262, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	634
Unconfirmed	628
Air Force nominations, totaling 3,139, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	2,691
Unconfirmed	448
Army nominations, totaling 202, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	109
Unconfirmed	93
Navy nominations, totaling 424, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	64
Unconfirmed	360
Marine Corps nominations, totaling 1,042, disposed of as follows:	
Confirmed	779
Unconfirmed	263
<i>Summary</i>	
Total nominations carried over from the First Session	0
Total nominations received this Session	6,250
Total confirmed	4,300
Total unconfirmed	1,949
Total withdrawn	1
Total returned to the White House	0

*These figures include all measures reported, even if there was no accompanying report. A total of 34 written reports have been filed in the Senate, 96 reports have been filed in the House.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

10 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

Senate Chamber

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

11:30 a.m., Tuesday, May 5

House Chamber

Program for Tuesday: The House is scheduled to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Tuesday, May 5, 2015.



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